

Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft Guideline for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter – related Infections .

On the positive side, the clarifications and additions will be very helpful to all levels of staff and leadership and match other recent documents such as the Joint Commission National Patient Safety Goals and the Compendium. Specifically these include: the use of ultrasound, specific glove use for Guidewire exchanges, “full “ body drape, new recommendations for CHG use, dressing and frequency of tubing change , and use of the suture- less securement device with PICC’s. Also appreciated is the inclusion of a suggested ICU RN: patient ratio.

Several topics appear to have been excluded that were in the 2002 document specifically: to replace catheters placed under non- aseptic conditions within 48 hours, to use the minimum number of ports and to designate TPN port, to not use dialysis port for blood draw, and designation of trained staff to supervise trainees. From my experience as an IP in acute care these items were very helpful in establishing protocols . Were they exclude because the science no longer supports the practice?

A listing of the studies supporting the various practice elements (as in the back of the CAUTI Guideline) would also be useful.

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